

November 12, 2015

TO: Members of the Facility & Plan Review Subcommittee  
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

FROM: Russell Bukoff, Staff

**STAFF REPORT  
THIRD QUARTER 2015 VEGETATION PROJECT STATUS REPORT  
AT SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL**

Republic Services, Inc. (Republic) submitted the Third Quarter 2015 Vegetation Project Status Report for the Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill, dated November 2, 2015 (attached). The Status Report is a requirement of Condition No. 18 of the Finding of Conformance granted to the Landfill by the Task Force on December 18, 2008.

The Status Report provides the progress of revegetation projects undertaken during the third quarter of 2015 as well as revegetation projects anticipated to be implemented during the fourth quarter of 2015.

Update on County Side Sage Mitigation Area

- Conditions remain unchanged; however, plans will be developed by Architerra Design Group (ADG), Republic's general vegetation consultant, for a trial site in the sage mitigation areas to test the use of stepped terracing and straw wattles.

Update on City Side Sage Mitigation Area

*Middle and Upper Decks:*

- There have been no changes to the middle or upper decks. The vegetated areas within the Middle Deck continue to be dominated by non-native species.
- Republic reports that a weed control program on Decks A and B will be implemented along with the mitigation plans for these areas.

*Lower Deck (Pilot Sage Mitigation Area):*

- Saltbush species dominate the cover and have slightly increased in number since the second quarter assessment; however, other native species are also prevalent.
- Selective pruning of the Saltbush has been performed to control its growth. This activity will continue throughout 2015.
- ADG recommended that Barnyard Grass and Horseweed be controlled before they become established.
- Irrigation has been shut off in October. ADG will evaluate the pilot area at the end of Spring 2016 to assess if any irrigation will be needed for future reseeded areas or container plantings.
- ADG recommends soil sampling in areas where vegetation is minimal and areas where vegetation is thriving, which should be implemented Winter 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (626) 458-2186, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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# **SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL**

November 2, 2015

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Subject: Sunshine Canyon Landfill, Quarterly Vegetation Report  
Third Quarter 2015 Vegetation Report

Mr. Aiyetiwa,

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

- Condition 18B of the Finding of Conformance;
- Condition 44A of the Condition Use Permit (CUP)
- Los Angeles City Condition [Q] C.8 of the Ordinance No. 172,933.

This report presents the progress of the site's landscaping and revegetation activities for the third quarter of 2015. The intent of these reports will continue to be to provide detailed information regarding the site's efforts related to vegetation including vegetation of interim and permanent slopes and activities conducted for the on-site sage mitigation areas.

Architerra Design Group continues to assist site personnel in evaluating current site conditions relating to vegetation and provide recommendations for future efforts. This report includes their assessment of the pilot sage vegetation area as well as recommendations for this area. Architerra's evaluation is in addition to the required quarterly monitoring performed by our consulting biologist.

## **1.0 Interim Slopes**

For the purposes of this report, interim slopes are those defined as slope areas where no activities have taken place for 180 days or longer. CUP Condition 44A requires "a temporary hydroseed vegetation cover on any slope or landfill area that is projected to be inactive for a period of greater than 180 days".

### 1.1 Hydroseeding Activities

As reported in the vegetation report for the first quarter of 2015, hydroseeding activities were conducted on approximately 12 acres of interim slopes (Drawing 1).

As of the date of this report, no vegetation growth has been observed on the 12 acres of hydroseeded areas.

No hydroseeding activities are planned for the fourth quarter of 2015.

## 2.0 Permanent Slopes

Permanent slopes are defined as those where no landfiling activities will be conducted in the future.

### 2.1 City

The permanent slopes on the City portion of Sunshine Canyon Landfill are located on the closed City South and City North areas of the site where no overliner will be placed during future cell development (Drawing 1 – Sage Mitigation Area). No vegetation activities were conducted on the permanent slopes on the City portion of the site during the third quarter of 2015.

### 2.2 County

No vegetation activities were conducted on the permanent slope areas on the County portion of the site during the third quarter of 2015. Slope areas at the site formerly designated as permanent are being reviewed to determine which of these slopes are in fact permanent and require vegetation efforts.

## 3.0 Non-Permanent Cut Slopes

Prior quarterly vegetation reports have illustrated areas located just north of the County portion of the site and one area above the front terminal sedimentation basin as “non-permanent cut slopes”. An evaluation of these areas will be conducted to determine if these areas have been categorized correctly, and what, if any vegetation activities are appropriate for these areas. Non-permanent cut slopes are shown on Drawing 1.

As of the date of this report, no determination has been made with respect to an evaluation of these areas or any proposed actions.

#### 4.0 Activities Conducted in Sage Mitigation Areas – 3Q2015

During the third quarter of 2015, the following activities were conducted in the sage mitigation areas at the landfill.

##### 4.1 City South Sage Pilot Project Area – Deck C

The following activities were conducted:

- Maintenance activities including minor repairs to the irrigation system and weeding activities.
- Selective pruning of saltbush.

##### 4.2 City South Decks B and A

No activities were conducted on City South Decks A and B.

##### 4.3 County Sage Mitigation Area

The County sage mitigation area is located on the western side of the County portion of Sunshine Canyon Landfill (Drawing 1). No revegetation activities were conducted in this area during the third quarter of 2015, and, as noted in multiple JMA progress reports, the conditions in this mitigation area have remained unchanged for some time.

#### 5.0 Assessments of Sage Mitigation Areas

Assessments of the site's sage mitigation areas are conducted by a qualified biologist on a quarterly basis. The following sections present a summary of the recommendations for the sage mitigation areas from JMA (City and County sage mitigation areas) and Architerria (City South Sage Pilot Project Area (Deck C)) and the proposed actions in response to the recommendations.



## 5.1 JMA Recommendations for City Sage Mitigation Areas

JMA's progress reports for the City Sage Mitigation Areas for the third quarter of 2015 are provided in Attachment 1. These reports include recommendations based on the assessments. Table 1 presents a summary of these recommendations and the proposed actions.

**Table 1 – JMA Recommendations and Proposed Actions – City Sage Mitigation Areas, Third Quarter 2015**

AREA	RECOMMENDATION		PROPOSED ACTION
LOWER DECK (Deck C)	1	Selectively thin Atriplex vegetation where coastal sage scrub seedlings are present.	The contractor hired to perform maintenance activities will continue to address this recommendation throughout 2015.
LOWER DECK (Deck C)	2	Modify irrigation schedule appropriately – reduce frequency of supplemental irrigation beginning in late spring through summer months	Appropriate actions will be taken based on recommendations from our contractors.
DECKS B AND A (Middle and Upper Decks)	3	Improve root zone and soil conditions.	This will be addressed when the plans for Decks B and A are developed. Actions were taken to address improving the root zone in the pilot project area (Deck C); it is expected these same actions will be incorporated into the plans for Decks B and A.
DECKS B AND A (Middle and Upper Decks)	4	Plant Natives in Areas Dominated with Non-Natives. Use various planting methods (i.e. container plants and hydroseeding) to re-establish native plants on the middle and upper decks where non-natives currently dominate.	This will be addressed when the plans for Decks B and A are developed. Various planting methods were used for the construction of the Pilot project on Deck C; it is expected these same actions will be incorporated into the plans for Decks B and A.
DECKS B AND A	5	Weed Control - implement a year-round weed control program to control non-native species.	A weed control program is currently in place on Deck C as part of the pilot project and will continue for the duration of the pilot project. A weed control program on Decks B and A will be implemented along with the mitigation plans for these areas.
DECKS B AND A	6	Reseeding - apply native seeds during the rainy season after soil mounds have been established.	This will be addressed when the plans for Decks B and A are developed.
DECKS B AND A	7	Prohibit access - continue to prohibit vehicle access to mitigation areas.	Repairs to the T-post fencing will be made as needed.

JMA also recommended that a monitoring biologist should be present during weed control activities or the native plants should be flagged to ensure only non-native species are removed. A monitoring biologist will be consulted prior to any weed control activities to ensure native plants are protected.

## 5.2 JMA Recommendations for County Sage Mitigation Area

Table 2 presents a summary of the recommendations proposed by JMA based on the assessment of the County Sage Mitigation Area and the proposed actions. Please refer to the full recommendations in the JMA reports in Attachment 2.

**Table 2 – JMA Recommendations and Proposed Actions – County Sage Mitigation Area, Third Quarter 2015**

AREA	RECOMMENDATION		PROPOSED ACTION
COUNTY SAGE MITIGATION AREA	1	Create benches to control soil erosion and improve soil conditions to improve plant establishment and seed dispersal.	This recommendation will be considered at a later date.
COUNTY SAGE MITIGATION AREA	2	Reseed and plant container plants.	This recommendation will be considered at a later date.
COUNTY SAGE MITIGATION AREA	3	Plant within view sheds.	This recommendation will be considered at a later date.
COUNTY SAGE MITIGATION AREA	4	Use soil amendments.	This recommendation will be considered at a later date.
COUNTY SAGE MITIGATION AREA	5	Signage.	This recommendation will be considered at a later date.
COUNTY SAGE MITIGATION AREA	6	Weed control.	This recommendation will be considered at a later date.
COUNTY SAGE MITIGATION AREA	7	Prohibit access.	This recommendation will be considered at a later date.
COUNTY SAGE MITIGATION AREA	8	Employee awareness.	This recommendation will be considered at a later date.

### 5.3 Architerra Inspection and Recommendations for City South Sage Mitigation Pilot Project Area – Third Quarter 2015

Architerra personnel inspected the pilot project area during the third quarter of 2015. Their report is included in Attachment 3 along with photos of the area taken at the photo stations. Recommendations from Architerra are presented in Table 3 below along with the proposed actions.

**Table 3 – Architerra Recommendations and Proposed Actions – City South Sage Pilot Project Area, Third Quarter 2015**

RECOMMENDATION		PROPOSED ACTION
1	Soil sampling of areas where vegetation is stunted or minimal. In addition, soil samples should be taken from areas that are thriving.	Project planning will address this recommendation for implementation in the Winter of 2016.

### 5.4 Quarterly Assessment of City South Sage Pilot Project Area

The methodology for assessment of the City South Sage Pilot Project Area developed by JMA was included in the First Quarter 2015 Vegetation Report. The evaluation report for the third quarter of 2015 based on this methodology is included in Attachment 4.

## 6.0 Status of Other Vegetated Areas

### Big Cone Douglas Fir Tree Mitigation

As reported in the vegetation report for the first quarter of 2015, 200 Big Cone Douglas fir tree saplings were planted the third week of March 2015. By mid-April, new growth on numerous trees was observed.

These trees continue to be monitored and maintenance activities will be conducted in this mitigation area for the remainder of 2015.



Please do not hesitate to contact me at (818) 362-2145 if you have any questions.

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*Attachments*

Attachment 1	JMA Progress Report, City-Side Sage Mitigation Area
Attachment 2	JMA Progress Report, County-Side Sage Mitigation Area
Attachment 3	Architerra Design Group, Field Observation Report, South City Sage Mitigation Pilot Project – 3Q2015
Attachment 4	JMA Quarterly Monitoring Report - Coastal Sage Scrub Pilot Study, 3Q2015

*Drawings*

Drawing 1	3Q2015 Site Vegetation Areas
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## **ATTACHMENT 1**





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## Progress Report

### City-Side Sage Mitigation Area

<b>Submittal Date:</b> October 28, 2015		<b>Inspection Date:</b> October 13, 2015	
<b>To:</b> Patti Costa		<b>From:</b> Greg Ainsworth, Monitoring Biologist <i>*Prepared on behalf of Republic Services</i>	
<b>Lower Deck</b>			
<p><b>General Comments:</b> Based on a qualitative visual assessment, the saltbush (<i>Atriplex polycarpa</i> and <i>A. lentiformis</i>) cover has slightly increased since the second quarter assessment and continues to dominate the vegetation cover. Other native species such as <i>Encelia Californica</i> and <i>Artemisia californica</i> are also prevalent and interspersed throughout; however, in much less densities. Seedlings of native plants that were seeded can be found within the Atriplex canopy, and in most circumstances, the Atriplex is outcompeting these endemic natives from spreading and therefore should be selectively thinned.</p> <p>Numerous avian species continue to be observed within the pilot study area, as well as evidence of terrestrial species including deer and brush rabbits, and reptiles such as side-blotched lizard and whiptail.</p>			
<b>Native Plant Cover:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Dense <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal	<b>Plant Health Issues:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Disease/pests <input type="checkbox"/> Plant stress <input type="checkbox"/> Herbivory	<b>Height of Native Species:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0" – 12" <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12" – 24" <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 24" and above	<b>Native Species Richness:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High
<b>Weed Conditions</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dense weed coverage <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate weed coverage (seeding in high density) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimal weed coverage		<input type="checkbox"/> Weeds germinating /vegetative growth <input type="checkbox"/> Weeds flowering <input type="checkbox"/> Weeds setting seed <input type="checkbox"/> Weed desiccant/dormant	
<p><b>Comments:</b> Russian thistle and barnyard grass is spreading throughout the lower deck and should be controlled. Reduction of supplemental irrigation should decrease the establishment of non-native grasses.</p>			
<b>Middle Deck</b>			
<p><b>General Comments:</b> There is no change to report on the Middle Deck from previous monitoring reports. Evidence of</p>			



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seed mix coverage is no longer discernible.

Currently, approximately 30% of the middle deck is dominated by sage scrub plantings/seedlings, 35% by non-native grasses, and approximately 35% is bare ground, much of which appears to be a result of recent grading near the southwest corner for an apparent installation of a gas pipeline. The vegetated areas within the Middle Deck continue to be dominated by non-native herbaceous species such as (but not limited to) brome grasses, wild oats, mustards, and Russian thistle. Russian thistle and desiccant and emergent mustard plants and brome grasses currently dominate the non-native cover. There is a decent mixture of native species to note consisting of California buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum foliosum*), black sage (*Salvia mellifera*), purple needlegrass (*Nessella pulchra*), California sagebrush, and chamise (*Adenostoma fasciculatum*).

<b>Native Plant Cover:</b> [ ] Dense [ ] Moderate [X] Minimal	<b>Plant Health Issues:</b> [ ] Disease/pests [ ] Plant stress [ ] Excessive herbivory	<b>Height of Species:</b> [ ] 0" – 12" [ ] 12" – 24" [X] 24" and above	<b>Native Species Richness:</b> [X] Low [ ] Medium [ ] High
<b>Weed Conditions</b>			
[X] Dense weed coverage [ ] Moderate weed coverage (seeding in high density) [ ] Minimal weed coverage		[X] Weeds germinating /vegetative growth [ ] Weeds flowering [ ] Weeds setting seed [X] Weed desiccant/dormant	
<b>Comments:</b> Non-native grasses and forbs consisting of brome grasses, wild oats ( <i>Avena fatua</i> ), mustard, and Russian thistle dominate the vegetation cover within the middle deck. Annual grasses are currently dormant, while Russian thistle is thriving.			
<b>UPPER DECK</b>			
<b>General Comments:</b> Overall, the upper deck continues to be sparsely covered with native vegetation, and total vegetation coverage is sparse due to compacted and poor soil conditions. Specifically, the soils to the north of the central access road are heavily compacted and gravelly and vegetation coverage in this area is especially sparse. Evidence of previous seeding is no longer discernible.			
Additionally, evidence of vehicle use and ongoing disturbances is apparent on the western portion of the upper deck. With the exception of Russian thistle and brome grasses, virtually no other vegetation has emerged in the areas that have been disturbed within the past couple of years. Like the middle deck, annual grasses are currently dormant, while Russian thistle is thriving.			
<b>Native Plant Cover:</b> [ ] Dense [ ] Moderate	<b>Plant Health Issues:</b> [ ] Disease/pests [ ] Plant stress	<b>Height of Species:</b> [ ] 0" – 12" [ ] 12" – 24"	<b>Native Species Richness:</b> [X] Low [ ] Medium



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimal	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive herbivory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 24" and above	<input type="checkbox"/> High
<b>Weed Conditions</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dense weed coverage <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate weed coverage (seeding in high density) <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal weed coverage		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weeds germinating /vegetative growth <input type="checkbox"/> Weeds flowering <input type="checkbox"/> Weeds setting seed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weed desiccant/dormant	
<b>Comments:</b> Weeds continue to grow without any level of control within the upper deck. Currently, Russian thistle is abundant.			



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

### **Lower Deck**

- **Selectively thin Atriplex vegetation where coastal sage scrub seedlings are present.**

Closely monitor the seedlings that are growing within the understory of the Atriplex plants. Currently, the Atriplex plants are providing shade and good growing conditions for seedlings of coastal sage scrub species to become established. However, as the seedlings grow, the Atriplex plants should be thinned to reduce competition for space, water and available nutrients and to allow sunlight to reach the seedlings to increase photosynthesis.

- **Modify irrigation schedule appropriately.** Reduce the frequency of supplemental irrigation during in spring and summer months. Irrigation may be suppressing the coastal sage scrub species; whereas Atriplex is more tolerant of supplemental watering and is thriving. It may be necessary to irrigate during extensive periods of hot and dry weather conditions; however, this should be determined based on close inspection of the soil moisture.

### **Middle and Upper Decks**

- **Improve root zone and soil conditions.** Continue to investigate ways to import the soil layer to improve the root penetration and saturation zone to enable plant growth in heavily compacted areas. Consider applying soil in random undulations or uneven mounds to improve soil porosity and filtration and to control soluble salts from leaching from existing layer.

If permissible, prior to seeding (broadcast, hydroseeding, or drilling) native species, incorporate a soil amendment or mulch with high organic content by tilling into the top 12 inches of the existing compacted soils to improve soil texture, drainage, porosity, and aerobic conditions. If an organic mulch or soil amendment is not feasible or available, incorporate available soil from on-borrow sites within the landfill that have the appropriate, so long as these borrowed soils have been determined to not have toxic conditions such as boron or high salinity.

- **Plant Natives in Areas Dominated with Non-natives.** The vegetated areas on the middle deck that are currently dominated with annual, non-native species have decent soil-texture conditions. These areas are not near as compacted as adjacent areas that are gravelly and mostly void of vegetation. In general, the soil texture within the vegetated areas with non-native vegetation is friable down to approximately 8-12 inches in depth. Various planting methods (i.e., planting container plants and hydroseeding) may be used to re-establish native plants on the middle and upper decks where non-natives currently dominate. A temporary irrigation source would aid in establishing container plants and a consistent weed abatement program is important to control non-native species so that native can thrive and regenerate.

- **Weed control.** Implement a year-round weed control program to control non-native species. The weed control program should incorporate both chemical and mechanical control practices. Following weed control, any dead material harboring seeds should be removed to an off-site location to the extent feasible.



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A monitoring biologist should be present during weed control activities or flag the native plants that should remain to ensure only non-native species are removed. A biologist should verify that the weed removal methodology is sound and does not encourage re-colonizing of non-natives. Weeding is best performed just before, or at the onset of flowering, but before seed set. If seeds are already present, additional care should be taken to remove the plants with the seeds attached, or the seeds should be removed from the plants prior to the plant removal. A consistent weed abatement schedule will reduce the potential for non-natives to set seed. Soil disturbance should be limited by hand weeding, where possible, and weeds should be disposed of off-site to avoid any reinfestation through reseeding or from plant propagules. If hand weeding is not possible, the monitoring biologist should be consulted regarding the appropriate method of weed removal. If there continues to be high incidence of weed infestation, weed control may need to be increased to every four to six weeks. Otherwise, weeds should continue to be monitored and controlled on a quarterly basis.

- **Reseeding.** Following the application of soil mounds as previously described, apply native seed (by means of broadcast seeding, hydroseeding or drilling) during the rainy season, between December and March, or prior to a forecasted rain event.
- **Prohibit access.** Continue to prohibit vehicle access to mitigation areas.





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### City-Side Sage Mitigation Area

#### Photo Locations





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**Photo 1. Facing west at lower deck at Atriplex species that dominate the vegetation cover.**



**Photo 2. Facing east at lower deck from western boundary.**



**Photo 3. Facing east at middle deck with lower deck visible in background. View of non-native and native plant composition with areas of bare ground in the foreground.**



**Photo 4. Facing west at the easterly-facing slope located between middle and upper decks. The vegetation on the slopes below the upper deck are dominated with mustard and brome grasses. CA buckwheat is present in patches as depicted in the foreground of this photograph.**





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**Photo 5.** Facing northeast at upper deck. This area is compacted and gravelly and continues to be problematic for supporting vegetation. Non-native grasses and some CA buckwheat shrubs are evident in the background.



**Photo 6.** Facing southwest at upper deck. The area shown in this photo is dominated by annual non-native grasses.



**Photo 7.** Facing south at the upper deck at the disturbed area that is currently dominated with Russian thistle.

## **ATTACHMENT 2**



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<b>STATUS OF HYDROSEEDING</b>	
<b>Conditions:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Fully covered <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately covered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barely covered	
<b>Comments:</b> <p>Conditions on the county-side sage mitigation area remain visibly unchanged. Areas that are moderately covered with vegetation (native and non-native) are concentrated. A substantial portion of the county-side mitigation area continues to be bare and problematic for establishment of vegetation, primarily because of highly eroded soils, steep slopes and toxic soils (See Recommendations).</p> <p>Native plant coverage is similar to the previous quarterly monitoring reports. The southern-half of the mitigation area contains the most vegetation that is noteworthy, which consists of the highest concentration of native species (mostly buckwheat, <i>Eriogonum</i>). Native plant coverage is assumed to be a direct result of hydroseeding; however, some natural recruitment is apparent based on the dense cover where native vegetation is present and the various sizes of shrubs. Due to rocky (hydrophobic) soil conditions, soil erosion and Boron toxic soils on the northern-half of the county-side mitigation area, minimal plant growth is present.</p>	
<b>SEED MIX</b>	
<b>Conditions:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No sign of germination <input type="checkbox"/> No cover of native plants from seed mix <input type="checkbox"/> Sparse cover of native plants from seed mix	<input type="checkbox"/> Dense cover of native plants from seed mix <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate cover of native plants from seed mix (where vegetation is present)
<b>Comments:</b> <p>Similar to the hydroseeded areas, the other areas that are moderately covered with vegetation are concentrated. A substantial portion of the county-side mitigation area continues to be bare and problematic for vegetation to become established. However, in areas where vegetation is present, there is a moderate coverage of native species, mostly California buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>).</p>	





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Germination and plant growth from hydroseeding or seed mix is not discernible. Similar to the previous monitoring periods, a moderate cover of native plants exists within vegetated areas. Annual non-native grasses and forbs currently dominate the understory and serve as ground cover in most of the vegetated areas. Brome grasses and mustard seedlings continue to comprise of approximately 25 percent of the total cover. California buckwheat dominates the native vegetation with California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*) as a co-dominant; comprising of approximately 75 percent of the native vegetation cover (in areas where vegetation is present). Other less dominant native species observed include golden bush (*Ericameria linearifolia*), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*), black sage (*Salvia millifera*), laurel sumac (*Malosma laurina*) and a small cluster of arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*) trees that continue to thrive along the v-ditch that extends east-west through the center of the mitigation site.

### OVERALL NATIVE PLANT CONDITIONS

<b>Plant Cover:</b> [ ] Dense [X] Moderate [ ] Minimal	<b>Plant Health Issues:</b> [ ] Disease/pests [ ] Plant stress [ ] Excessive herbivory	<b>Height:</b> [ ] 0" – 12" [X] 12" – 24" [ ] 24" and above	<b>Species Richness:</b> [ ] Low [X] Medium [ ] High
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#### Comments:

It should be noted that the plant cover rating above applies where vegetation is dominant in the southeastern portion of the mitigation area. Vegetation cover is moderate in the southeastern portion of the county-sage mitigation area, but sparse along the upper slopes where rocky conditions occur. The majority of the northern and upper portions of the mitigation area continue to have minimal coverage. Bare areas and non-native annual grasses are intermixed; however, the northern and upper areas continue to be mostly bare where erosion and rocks are apparent. Native vegetation coverage is good in vegetated areas and the amount of non-native grasses that are present is expected when compared to sparsely covered areas of California buckwheat in the region.

As indicated previously, California buckwheat dominates the native cover with *Encelia californica* as a co-dominant. Establishment of vegetation is problematic due to rocky soils with poor soil structure, and boron toxicity has made plant growth (i.e., seed germination and recruitment) difficult. The species richness is low to medium within vegetated areas; however, species richness is considerably low when considering the entire county-sage mitigation area.

### WEED CONDITIONS

<b>Conditions:</b> [ ] Dense weed coverage [X] Moderate weed coverage (seeding in high density) [ ] Minimal weed coverage	[X] Weeds germinating or vegetative growth [ ] Weeds flowering [ ] Weeds setting seed [X] Weed desiccant/dormant
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#### Comments:

Annual, non-native weed species consist primarily of brome grasses (*Bromus* sp.), shortpod mustard (*Hirschfeldia incana*), and wild oats (*Avena fatua*). Other established weeds that were observed include red-stemmed filaree (*Erodium cicutarium*) and (native) telegraph weed



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(*Heterotheca grandiflora*). Russian thistle (*Salsola kali*) and tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*), which are scattered within the vegetated areas, but in less densities.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Conditions:

☐ Trash

☐ Vandalism

☐ Erosion

#### Comments:

None

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Create benches.** Consider creation of benches throughout the mitigation area to control soil erosion and to improve soil conditions to improve plant establishment and seed dispersal. This technique has been widely used on steep slopes and in areas where soil erosion is problematic. This technique also allows for opportunities to introduce a high quality soil layer above the poor soils that exist.
- **Reseed and plant container plants.** If creation of benches is feasible, planting methods should include Hydroseeding and broadcast seeding just before a forecasted rain event and planting with container plants with supplemental irrigation during the period of establishment. Container plants should only be planted if temporary irrigation source is available.
- **Plant within view sheds.** Consider planting native species on upper portion of the slope that is visible from public view sheds with appropriate native species. Planting should occur prior to fall/winter rains.
- **Use soil amendments.** Incorporate a soil amendment or mulch with high organic content in select areas as determined by a restoration specialist.
- **Signage.** Install signs indicating that the area is undergoing revegetation.
- **Weed control.** Continue weed control program as needed on a quarterly basis.
- **Prohibit access.** Continue to prohibit vehicle access to mitigation area. Extend fencing around southeastern and southern boundary of lower deck and review fencing on the upper deck to determine if additional area can be reasonably enclosed.
- **Employee awareness.** Conduct an employee awareness program to inform staff on the importance of preserving all restoration areas.



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## Progress Report

### County-Side Sage Mitigation Area

#### Photo Locations





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## Progress Report

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### County-Side Sage Mitigation Area



**Photo 1.** Facing west at established sage scrub on the southern half of the county-side mitigation area. Vegetation is dominated with CA buckwheat, with scattered California sunflower (*Encelia californica*). Annual, non-native grasses and forbs dominate the ground cover, as well as Russian thistle.



**Photo 2.** Facing west at the bare slope on the northern-half of the county-sage mitigation area. Plant growth remains to be problematic due to erosion, a hard soil surface layer, and boron toxicity.

## **ATTACHMENT 3**





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## FIELD OBSERVATION REPORT

DATE OF VISIT:	10/13/15
<b>PROJECT:</b>	<b>Sunshine Canyon Mitigation Sites</b>
PROJECT NUMBER:	1214
PROJECT MANAGER:	Gregg Denson
SITE INSPECTION #:	
PURPOSE OF VISIT:	Review site conditions/Photo Catalog
TIME OF SITE VISIT:	8:00am
WEATHER/TEMPERATURE:	Clear 70°
ESTIMATED % COMPLETED:	100%
CONFORMANCE WITH SCHEDULE (+, -)	

WORK IN PROGRESS:	Weed abatement / Monitoring Period
PRESENT ON SITE:	Gregg Denson

A walk through was held this date to review plant establishment of Trial Site, Photo Catalog current growth and review weed abatement. Additional items noted during the site visit are as follows:

### City-Side Sage Mitigation (Trial Site):

- Since the last quarterly site visit, we have observed many of the native CSS species emerge with new foliage. This is most likely due to the cooler evening temperatures and the above average rainfall for summer/early fall 2015.
- Selective pruning of the Saltbush was performed to help reestablish maintenance pathways and access to irrigation valves and controls.
- ±25 areas have been flagged and identified for selective pruning. Many of the larger stands of Saltbush have CSS species growing up through them. Over the next few months these thinned areas will allow the CSS plants to expand out and develop. We will review the progress of these areas and new growth at the end of Spring 2016.
- All bioswales are healthy and vigorous in growth and have helped to provide cover to a number of new germinated natives. More Sage, Encelia and California Buckwheat seedlings can be found within the shaded portions of the mosaics.
- Maintenance personnel have been working to minimize the amount of Russian Thistle (*Salsola* ssp.) that invaded the site during the late summer months. They are hand pulling and spraying areas where possible. This is an on-going issue and will need to be managed to eliminate infestation. In addition, we have recommended that the surrounding deck area (outside of the mitigation site) be eradicated and sprayed to help minimize blown in seed. Larger saplings of Eucalyptus and Wild Tobacco are also being removed from the site. A few Willow Trees have also been removed within the bioswale areas. Even though these are native trees, potential damage to the existing soil cap from wind blown or tree overturning, warrants removal of these larger species.
- Barnyard Grass and Horseweed are also starting to grow in numbers within the swale areas. Maintenance personnel should focus their efforts of eradicating these species as quickly as possible as they are flowering currently and will soon develop seeds.
- Irrigation has been shut off (as of October 2015) and will remain off, as many of the areas have well established vegetation and normal to above normal precipitation is forecasted for this upcoming winter. Irrigation has helped to establish the existing vegetation over the last 2 summers, but is not needed for the established areas anymore. ADG will evaluate the trial site at the end of Spring 2016 as assess if any irrigation will be needed for future reseeded areas or container plantings where bubblers are used.

Recommendations:

- Soil sampling of areas where vegetation is stunted or minimal. In addition, soil samples should be taken from areas that are thriving. These samples can be compared to pre-plant samples and post-amendment sampling from 2013.



California Sagebrush (*Artemesia californica*) seedling growing within open area of trial site deck.



Coast Sunflower (*Encelia californica*) seedling growing adjacent to existing Saltbush.





New Sage species actively growing on deck in open area. Foreground Black Sage (*Salvia mellifera*), background left, Purple Sage (*Salvia leucophylla*).





Example of Black Sage (*Salvia mellifera*) on right and Purple Sage (*Salvia leucophylla*) on left underneath a Saltbush.



Example of tagged (orange flag tape) Saltbush for selective thinning where Black Sage (*Salvia mellifera*) would benefit from more exposure.





Example of tagged (orange flag tape) Saltbush for selective thinning where both Coast Sunflower (*Encelia californica*) and Black Sage (*Salvia mellifera*) are within understory of Saltbush





Barnyard Grass and Horseweed (intermixed within native *Leymus*) at swale areas. These targeted exotic species need to be removed prior to going to seed this fall.



Horseweed (*Conyza canadensis*) close up.





Russian Thistle (*Salsola* spp.) along eastern edge of Deck C. Area beyond trial site recommended for removal and eradication.







Coyote tracks at swale on northside of Trial Site.





Western Harvester Ants at Trial Site

Signed: *Gregg Denson*

Date: 10-26-15

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File ☒ Project Manager (Gregg Denson)



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## **ATTACHMENT 4**



# memorandum

date      October 28, 2015

to         Patty Costa, Sunshine Canyon Landfill

from      Greg Ainsworth, Consulting Biologist

subject   Coastal Sage Scrub City South C Trial Plot, Sunshine Canyon Landfill

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## INTRODUCTION

On October 13, 2015, biologist Greg Ainsworth monitored the planted vegetation at the Landfill's City South 'C' Trial Plot, which constitutes the third quarter monitoring of the trial plot for 2015. The sampling generally followed the methodology described in the *Methodology for Monitoring Percent Cover and Species Richness within Each Seeded Application Method on the Coastal Sage Scrub Pilot Project at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill* (JMA, April 23, 2014). However, some modifications to the methodology were implemented. The **quadrat** sampling included four 50-meter quadrats that were randomly sampled within each of the three seeded areas: hydroseed, imprint and hand broadcast. These quadrats were randomly selected from a grid that was placed over the entire trial plot and each quadrat was delineated with wood stakes and flagging prior to sampling. As shown on the attached planting plan, each quadrat that was sampled was given a corresponding letter from A-L.

A total of 200 meters was sampled for each of the three seeded areas. The following data was collected for each quadrat:

- **Percent basil cover (shrubs)** – Visual estimate of the amount of basil cover within each quadrat for all shrub species.
- **Percent basil cover (herbs)** – Visual estimate of the amount of basil cover within each quadrat for all herb species.
- **Percent bare ground** – Visual estimate of the amount of available bare ground with no vegetation, but suitable for plant growth.
- **Percent rock or other** – Visual estimate of the amount of unavailable ground for supporting plant growth. Inhibitors generally included rocks and boulders, irrigation lines and valve boxes, and mulch.
- **Percent canopy** – Visual estimate of the percent canopy of each shrub and herbaceous species.
- **Photographs** – A photograph was taken from the southwest corner (facing northeast) of each quadrat.

To obtain estimate cover of each species, the **point intercept** method was conducted at 50 meter transects along the perimeter of each 50 square meter quadrats (A-L). A total of four transects were walked within each planting method (hydroseed, imprint and hand broadcast). Points were taken at approximately every 0.5 meters, while moving clockwise from the southwest corner of each quadrat. The species located precisely at every 0.5 meter point was noted.

## RESULTS

Below are the average data collected for the hydroseed, imprint, and hand broadcast application areas. The number in parenthesis represents the previous quarterly monitoring results.

### **Quadrat Sampling:**

#### ***Average Hydroseed – Quadrats A, B, C, D***

Percent basil cover (shrubs) – 11% (10%)

Percent basil cover (herbs) – 2% (2%)

Percent bare ground – 50% (54%)

Percent rock or other – 4% (4%)

Percent canopy (shrub) – 56% (48%)

Percent canopy (herb) – 2% (2%)

#### ***Average Imprint – Quadrats E, F, G H***

Percent basil cover (shrubs) – 15% (13%)

Percent basil cover (herbs) – 3% (2%)

Percent bare ground – 61% (65%)

Percent rock or other – 8% (8%)

Percent canopy (shrub) – 52% (45%)

Percent canopy (herb) – 2% (5%)

#### ***Average Hand Broadcast – Quadrats I, J, K L (average)***

Percent basil cover (shrubs) – 21% (15%)

Percent basil cover (herbs) – 14% (14%)

Percent bare ground – 34% (41%)

Percent rock or other – 4% (4%)

Percent canopy (shrub) – 56% (58%)

Percent canopy (herb) – 10% (11%)

### Point Intercept

The representation of each species within a quadrat was estimated by broad cover classes (<1%, 1-5%, 5-25%, 25-50%, 50-75% and >75%). The percent cover of each species based on the point intercept method is as follows:

#### *Hydroseed– Quadrats A, B, C, D (average)*

Species	% Cover Shrub	% Cover Herb
Acemispson glaber	1%	
Adenostema fasciculatum		
Achillia mellifolium		
Artemisia californica	1%	
Atriplex lentiformis	36%	
Atriplex polycarpa	14%	
Atriplex spinosa	1%	
Baccharis pilularis	1%	
Encelia californica	1%	
Eschscholzia californica		
Leymus triticoides		2%
Mimulus aurantiacus longiflorus		
Nasella pulchra		1%
Other herb		1%
Salvia mellifera	1%	
Sisyrinchium bellum		
Vulpia microstachys	1%	
Echinochloa crus-galli		1%
Salsola ssp.	5%	

#### *Imprint – Quadrats E, F, G H (average)*

Species	% Cover Shrub	% Cover Herb
Adenostema fasciculatum		
Achillia mellifolium		
Artemisia californica	1%	
Atriplex lentiformis	22%	
Atriplex polycarpa	18%	
Atriplex spinosa	1%	
Baccharis pilularis	1%	
Encelia californica	1%	
Eschscholzia californica		
Eriogonum fasciculatum	1%	
Leymus triticoides		
Mimulus aurantiacus longiflorus	1%	
Nasella pulchra		
Other herb		4%
Sisyrinchium bellum		
Salvia apiana	1%	

Salvia leucophylla	1%	
Salvia mellifera	1%	
Echinochloa crus-galli		1%
Salsola ssp,	10%	

***Hand Broadcast – Quadrats I, J, K L (average)***

<b>Species</b>	<b>% Cover Shrub</b>	<b>% Cover Herb</b>
Adenostema fasciculatum	1%	
Achillia mellifoluim		
Artemisia californica	1%	
Atriplex lentiformis	37%	
Atriplex polycarpa	15%	
Atriplex spinosa		
Baccharis pilularis	5%	
Encelia californica		
Eschscholzia californica		
Leymus triticoides		2%
Mimulus aurantiacus longiflorus		
Nasella pulchra		1%
Other herb		7%
Salvia apiana	1%	
Salvia leucophylla	1%	
Salvia mellifera	1%	
Sisyrinchium bellum		
Echinochloa crus-galli		3%
Vulpia microstachys		
Salsola ssp.	3%	

## DISCUSSION

There has been an increase in the percent shrub canopy cover, and an increase in non-native herbaceous cover (i.e., barnyard grass [*Echinochloa crus-galli*]). Based on the quadrat sampling method, the overall native shrub canopy is increasing as saltbush continues to dominate the vegetation cover throughout the pilot study area. Similarly, the amount of bare ground capable of supporting plant growth has slightly decreased as the shrubs continue to grow. The hand broadcasted area experienced an average 6% increase in the percent canopy cover of shrub species; whereas hydroseed had a 1% increase and imprint experienced a 2% increase. Quadrat H continues to have the greatest amount of relative cover, mostly comprised of *Atriplex lentiformis*. Both the quadrat method and the point intercept method confirm that *Atriplex lentiformis* has the greatest amount of relative cover throughout the trial site, with *Atriplex polycarpa* as a co-dominant. The abundant cover of these two *Atriplex* species is also evident by a general visual observation of the plant cover throughout the trial site. These species are also seeding in adjacent areas to the north of the study area and should be controlled to avoid spreading in natural areas in the vicinity. Consistent irrigation has led to the establishment of barnyard grass in many plots, and Russian thistle (*Salsola* ssp.) has spread throughout the trial plot area, which has disseminated from surrounding populations. Seedlings of planted coastal sage scrub natives are visible within the canopy of *Atriplex* in several of the plots where *Atriplex* is dominant. Thinning dense stands of *Atriplex* will be beneficial for the establishment and regeneration of the coastal sage scrub plants. Photographs of each quadrat are provided on the following pages, as well as the raw data obtained within each quadrat sampled.

## Photograph Log



Quadrat A. Facing northeast from southwest corner.





Quadrat B. Facing northeast from southwest corner.



Quadrat C. Facing northeast from southwest corner.





Quadrat D. Facing northeast from southwest corner.



Quadrat E. Facing northeast from southwest corner.





Quadrat F. Facing northeast from southwest corner.





Quadrat G. Facing northeast from southwest corner.



Quadrat H. Facing northeast from southwest corner.





Quadrat I. Facing northeast from southwest corner.



Quadrat J. Facing northeast from southwest corner.





Quadrat K. Facing northeast from southwest corner.





Quadrat L. Facing northeast from southwest corner.

## Quadrat Method: Raw Data

Quadrat	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
A		50	7%	3%	65%	10%			1
	Atriplex lentiformis						30%		
	Atriplex polycarpa						15%		
	Atriplex spinosa						1%		
	Baccharis pilularis						1%		
	Echinochloa crus-galli							3%	
	Other herb							1%	
Quadrat	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
B		50	20%	1%	20%	5%			2
	Atriplex lentiformis						70%		
	Atriplex polycarpa						10%		
	Encelia californica						3%		
	Sisyrinchium bellum								
	Echinochloa crus-galli							1%	
	Other herb							2%	
Quadrat	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
C		50	1%	<1%	>75%	1%			3
	Atriplex lentiformis						3%		
	Atriplex polycarpa						15%		
	Acmispon glaber						1%		
	Salvia millifera						1%		
	Mimulus aurantiacus longiflorus						1%		

Quadrat	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
D		50	15%	3%	40%	1%			4
	Atriplex lentiformis						40%		
	Atriplex polycarpa						15%		
	Achillia mellifolium								
	Artemisia californica						1%		
	Acmispon glaber						2%		
	Nassella pulchra							1%	
	Salsola ssp.						1%		
Quadrat	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
E		50	15%	1%	60%	5%			5
	Atriplex lentiformis						25%		
	Atriplex polycarpa						20%		
	Atriplex spinosa						1%		
	Salsola ssp.						1%		
Quadrat	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
F		50	3%	1%	>75%	5%			6
	Atriplex lentiformis						7%		
	Atriplex polycarpa						10%		
	Atriplex spinosa								
	Artemisia californica						1%		
	Echinochloa crus-galli							3%	
Quadrat	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
G		50	15%	1%	>75%	5%			7
	Atriplex lentiformis						12%		
	Atriplex polycarpa						35%		
	Atriplex spinosa						3%		
	Salvia apiana						1%		
	Achillia mellifolium								
	Salsola ssp.						3%		
	Echinochloa crus-galli							1%	



Quadrat	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
H		50	25%	10%	35%	15%			8
	Atriplex lentiformis						35%		
	Atriplex polycarpa						20%		
	Baccharis pilularis						3%		
	Eriogonum fasciculatum						1%		
	Mimulus aurantiacus longiflorus						1%		
	Salvia leucophylla						3%		
	Acmispon glaber						1%		
	Encelia californica						1%		
	Salvia mellifera						1%		
	Leymus triticoides							3%	
	Echinochloa crus-galli							5%	
Quadrat	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
I		50	30%	20%	25%	5%			9
	Atriplex polycarpa						30%		
	Atriplex lentiformis						40%		
	Baccharis pilularis						1%		
	Artemisia californica						1%		
	Encelia californica						5%		
	Salvia mellifera						3%		
	Vulpia microstachys							1%	
	Sisyrinchium bellum							1%	
	Nasella pulchra							1%	
	Leymus triticoides							10%	
	Salsola ssp.						10%		
Quadrat	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
J		50	35%	15%	10%	5%			10
	Atriplex lentiformis						75%		
	Atriplex polycarpa						15%		
	Encelia californica						5%		
	Artemisia californica						3%		
	Vulpia microstachys							5%	
	Eriogonum fasciculatum						1%		
	Salsola ssp.						5%		
	Other herb							20%	

Quadrat	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
K		50	10%	20%	50%	3%			11
	Atriplex lentiformis						5%		
	Adenostema fasciculatum								
	Artemisia californica						1%		
	Baccharis pilularis						15%		
	Atriplex polycarpa						25%		
	Encelia farinosa								
	Vulpia microstachys								
	Salsola ssp.						3%		
	Artemisia californica						1%		
	Leymus triticoides								
	Echinochloa crus-galli							5%	
	Leymus triticoides							10%	
	Other herb							1%	
Quadrat	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
L		50	10%	<1%	50%	3%			12
	Atriplex lentiformis						35%		
	Atriplex polycarpa						20%		
	Baccharis pilularis						1%		
	Artemisia californica						1%		
	Encelia californica						1%		
	Salvia apiana						1%		
	Salvia leucophylla						10%		
	Salvia mellifera						1%		
	Vulpia microstachys							1%	
	Salsola ssp.						1%		
	Leymus triticoides							1%	

## Quadrat Method: Averaged Data

Hydroseed (A,B,C,D) Average	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
		200	11%	2%	50%	4%	56%	2%	1-4
	Acmispon glaber							1%	
	Adenostema fasciculatum								
	Achillia mellifolium						1%		
	Artemisia californica						1%		
	Atriplex lentiformis						36%		
	Atriplex polycarpa						14%		
	Atriplex spinosa						1%		
	Baccharis pilularis						1%		
	Encelia californica								
	Eschscholzia californica								
	Leymus triticoides								
	Mimulus aurantiacus longiflorus								
	Nasella pulchra								
	Salsola ssp.						1%	1%	
	Salvia mellifera								
	Sisyrinchium bellum								
	Echinochloa crus-galli						1%		



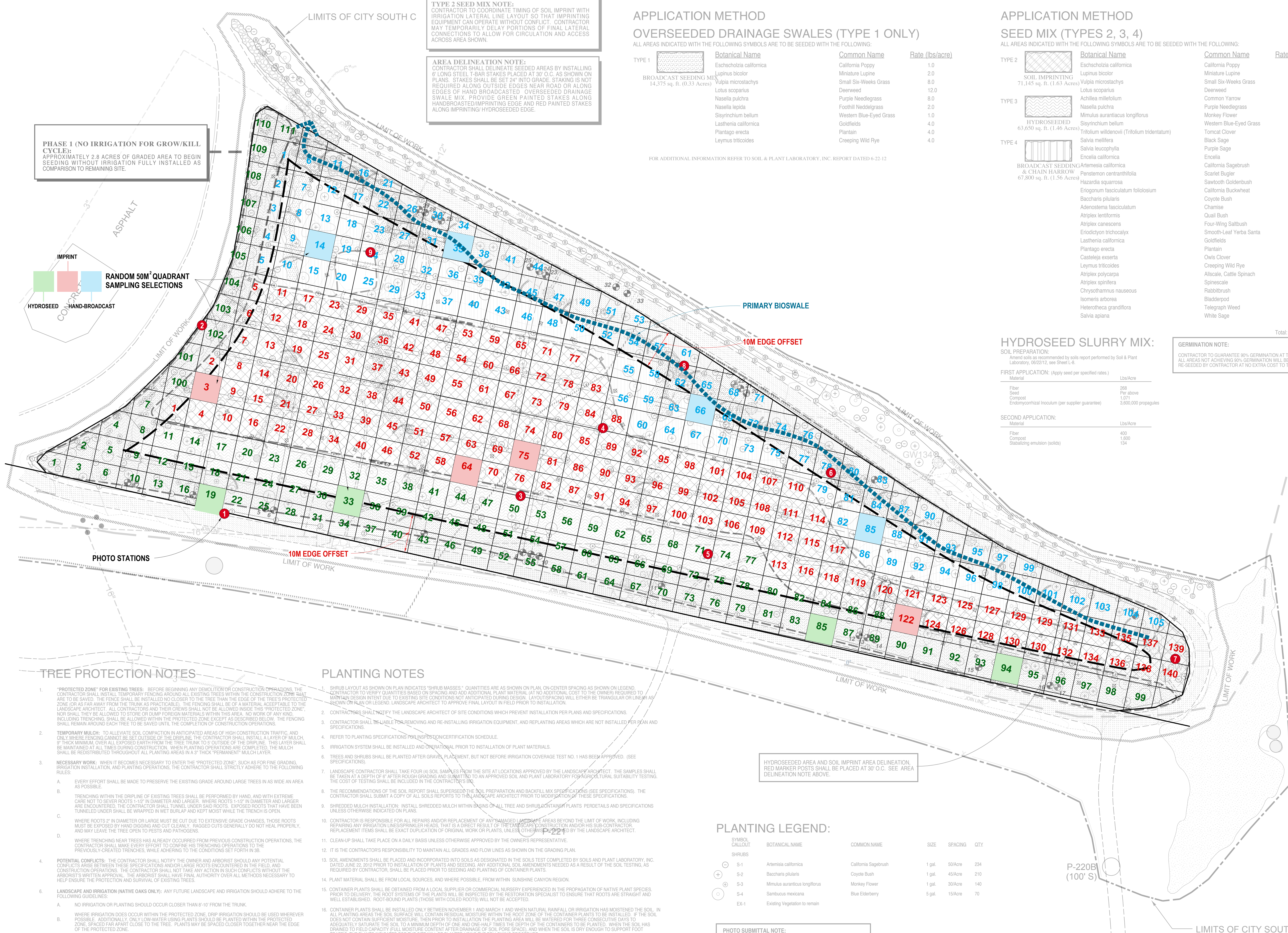
Imprint (E,F,G,H)	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
Average		200	15%	3%	61%	8%	52%	2%	5-8
	Adenostema fasciculatum								
	Achillia mellifolium								
	Artemisia californica						1%		
	Atriplex lentiformis						20%		
	Atriplex polycarpa						21%		
	Atriplex spinosa						1%		
	Baccharis pilularis						1%		
	Encelia californica						1%		
	Eschscholzia californica								
	Eriogonum fasciculatum						1%		
	Leymus triticoides						1%		
	Mimulus aurantiacus longiflorus						1%		
	Nasella pulchra								
	Echinochoa crus-galli							2%	
	Sisyrinchium bellum								
	Salvia apiana						1%		
	Salvia leucophylla						1%		
	Salvia mellifera						1%		
	Vulpia microstachys								

Hand Broadcast (I,J,K,L)	Species	Size (sq. meters)	% basal (shrub)	% basal (herb.)	% Bare	% Rock/ unusable	% canopy (shrub)	% canopy (herb.)	Photo #
Average		200	21%	14%	34%	4%	56%	10%	'9-12
	Adenostema fasciculatum						1%		
	Achillia mellifolium								
	Artemisia californica						1%		
	Atriplex lentiformis						39%		
	Atriplex polycarpa						23%		
	Atriplex spinosa								
	Baccharis pilularis						3%		
	Encelia californica						3%		
	Eschscholzia californica								
	Leymus triticoides							5%	
	Mimulus aurantiacus longiflorus								
	Nasella pulchra							1%	
	Salsola spp.						5%		
	Salvia apiana						1%		
	Salvia leucophylla						1%		
	Salvia mellifera						1%		
	Sisyrinchium bellum								
	Echinochloa crus-galli							3%	
	Other herb							1%	



## **City South ‘C’ Trial Plot Planting Plan and Quadrat Layout**





	
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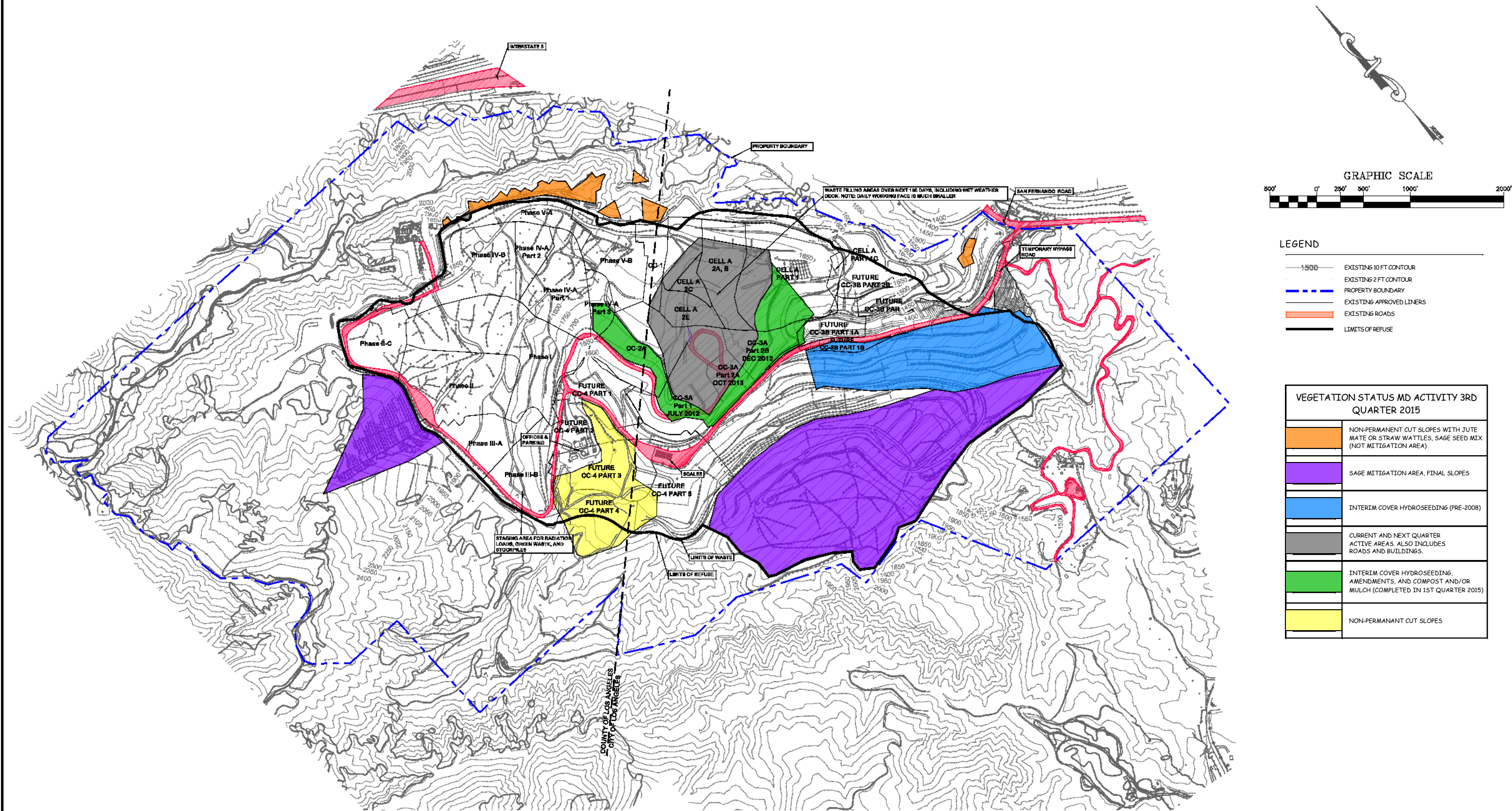
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